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CLAIMS

1	1.	A carrier of articles for wearing around a forearm, the carrier comprising:
2		a carrier body having a top side, a center portion, and an end portion on each side
3		of the center portion;
4		means for fastening the end portions to each other when the end portions are
5		wrapped around opposite sides of the forearm to secure the carrier to the forearm; and
6		a strap extending across at least a portion of the top side of the carrier body and
7		attached to the top side at a plurality of locations such that a compartment is defined for
8		receiving and holding an article between the strap and the center portion.
1	2.	The carrier of claim 1, further comprising a cover portion attached to a front edge of the center portion for folding over the article in the compartment.
1	3.	The carrier of claim 1, wherein a portion of the article extends partially from the compartment to permit a user to grasp and remove the article from the compartment.
1 2	4.	The carrier of claim 1, wherein the strap extends across the carrier body approximately parallel to a front edge of the center portion.
1 2	5.	The carrier of claim 1, wherein the strap extends across the carrier body approximately perpendicular to a front edge of the center portion.
1	6.	The carrier of claim 1, wherein the strap is made of elastic material.
l	7.	The carrier of claim 1, wherein strap extends fully across the center portion.

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1	8.	The carrier of claim 1, wherein the compartment has an opening at each end through
2		which the article extends.

- 1 9. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the compartment is a pocket having a closed end and an open end through which the article is inserted.
- 1 10. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the compartment is sized to closely receive a brush handle.
- 1 11. The carrier of claim 1, further comprising a pocket aligned with the compartment for receiving a tip of the article inserted into the compartment.
- 1 12. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the means for fastening includes a hook-and-loop material.
- 1 13. The carrier of claim 1, further comprising a layer of neoprene material sewn between layers of duck cloth.
- 1 14. The carrier of claim 1, wherein a front edge of center portion is shorter than a back edge of the center portion.
- 1 15. The carrier of claim 1, further comprising a second strap extending across at least a
 2 portion of the top side of the carrier body and attached to the top side at a plurality of
 3 locations such that a second compartment is defined for receiving and holding an article
 4 between the second strap and the center portion.
- 1 16. A carrier of articles for wearing around a forearm, the carrier comprising:

2		means for providing a carrier body having a top side, a center portion, and an end
3		portion on each side of the center portion;
4		means for fastening the end portions to each other when the end portions are
5		wrapped around opposite sides of the forearm to secure the carrier to the forearm; and
6		strap means, attached to the top side of the carrier body, for receiving and holding
7		an article between the strap means and the center portion.
1	17.	A method for constructing a hands-free carrier for wearing around a forearm, the method
2		comprising:
3		providing a carrier body having a top side, an underside, a center portion, and an
4		end portion of each side of the center portion;
5		attaching means for fastening on the top side of an end portion of the carrier body
6		and on the underside of a second end portion of the carrier body;
7		attaching a strap across the top side of the carrier body at a plurality of locations
8		to produce a compartment for receiving and holding an article between the strap and the
9		center portion.
1	18.	The method of claim 17, further comprising attaching a planar cover portion to a front
2		edge of the center portion.
1	19.	The method of claim 17, wherein the strap extends across the carrier body approximately
2		parallel to a front edge of the center portion.
1	20.	The method of claim 17, further comprising sewing a layer of neoprene between layers of
2		duck cloth to produce the carrier body.